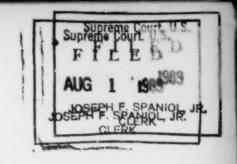
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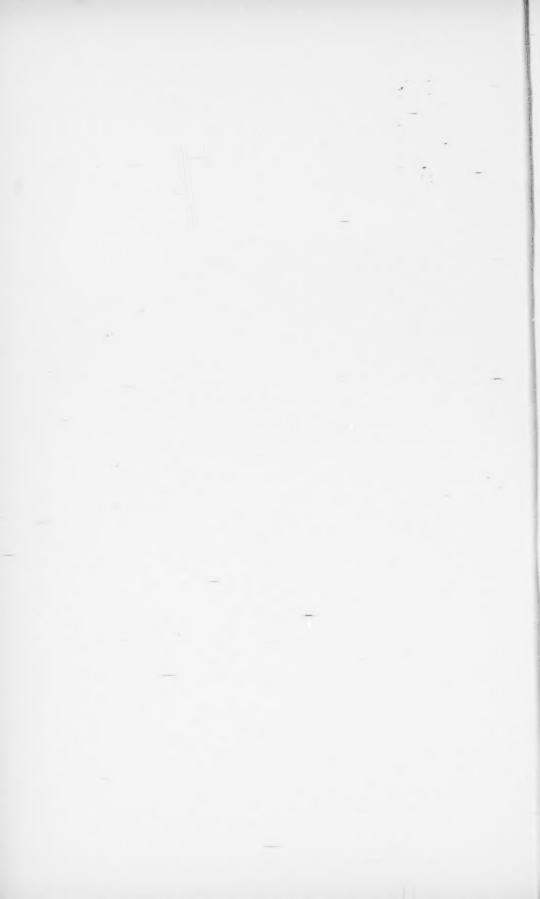
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United Parcel Service, Respondent

PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- 1. Did the District Court improperly apply
 Title VII evidentiary standards and improperly conclude that the Petitioner
 did not establish that the Respondent's
 reasons for discharge were pretextual?
- 2. Did the District Court improperly conclude that the Respondent discharged the Petitioner solely because of his work record?
- 3. Did the District Court improperly conclude that there was no evidence of disparate treatment towards the Petitioner and that race was not a determining factor in the Petitioner's discharge?
- 4. Did the District Court improperly enter judgement in favor of the Respondents?



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OPINIONS BELOW

A Memorandum Opinion was issued by
the Honorable Joseph J. Farnan (United
States District Court for the District
of Delaware) on June 30, 1988. A true
and correct copy of same is annexed
hereto as Exhibit "C". An order affirming
this Judgement was issued by the United
States Court of Appeals for the Third
Circuit on April 3, 1989. A true and
correct copy of same is annexed hereto
as Exhibit "A".



STATUTE INVOLVED

This case involves Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C.A. Sections 1981 and 2000 (e).



GROUNDS FOR JURISDICTION

On April 3, 1989, the United States

Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

denied the Petitioner's Request for a

Rehearing en Banc and affirmed the

Judgement Order of the District Court

for the District of Delaware. A true and

correct copy of this order is annexed

hereto as Exhibit "B".



STATEMENT OF THE CASE

The Petitioner brought this action before the United States District Court in the District of Delaware.

Honorable Judge Joseph J. Farnan on
September 21 through 23 of 1987, a
Judgement was entered by Judge Farnan in
favor of the Respondent. After a timely
appeal to the Third Circuit Court of
Appeals, the Lower Court Judgement was
affirmed on April 3, 1989. A request for
Rehearing en Banc was filed on April 17,
1989 and was denied on May 3, 1989 wherein
the original Judgement was affirmed.
These documents are attached hereto as
Exhibits "A", "B", and "C".



REASONS FOR GRANTING WRIT

The District Court Judge improperly applied Title VII evidentiary standards and improperly concluded that the Petitioner did not establish that the Respondent's reasons for discharge were pretextual.

The District Court improperly concluded that the Respondent discharged the Petitioner solely because of his work record.

The District Court improperly concluded that there was no evidence of disparate treatment towards the Petitioner and that race was not a determining factor in the Petitioner's discharge.

The District Court improperly entered judgement in favor of the Respondents.



The District Court Judge presiding over this case relied on a myriad of inaccurate information when arriving at his decision. The Judge did not take into account all of the information available to him and he put a substantial amount of emphasis on data that the Respondent admittedly could not substantiate. On more than several occasions, the Judge overlooked evidence despite documentation supporting the same.

Additionally, the Petitioner was subject to harsher disclipline and was treated differently than other similarly situated employees solely because of his race and color.

As can be vigorously substantiated
by volumes of Court transcripts and
depositions, the Respondent had only two
weeks in which to discharge the Petitioner
or the statute of limitations would have



rendered information upon which the
Respondent heavily relied useless. A
medically documented case of strep throat
coupled with a lateness of less than two
minutes do not separately or cumulatively
constitute grounds for discharge unless
the discharge was pretextual.

The Petitioner substantiated the fact that the Respondent intentionally lied to and misled the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission in their investigation of this claim. The Third Circuit Court of Appeals seemed to overlook this information as well as a multitude of other relevant data that is instrumental in understanding the particulars of the Respondent's unlawful actions against the Petitioner. The Respondent had no knowledge of information requested in the sets of interrogatories that the Petitioner



helped the EEOC to compose --however the previously sanitized information mysteriously reappeared when this case got to the District Court level. The Respondent had "no knowledge or records" of several key issues that would have definitely changed the outcome of the EEOC's proceedings.

The Petitioner also vigorously substantiated the fact that all disciplinary write-ups levied upon him were levied by temporary supervisors -- not by the Petitioner's regular supervisor who was on vacation when all of the unwarranted disciplinary measures necessary for discharge were imposed.

Ambiguous charges about the

Petitioner's conduct were entered into his

personnel folder--regardless of the

illegitimacy of the charges. At the

eleventh hour, the Respondent used



shotgun techniques for discipline revolving around issues that were trivial. The Respondent repeatedly "dressed up" trivalities to appear as major acts of intentional misconduct to a casual observer, however when company policy—the standard that everyone was supposed to be subjected to—was examined, the issues in question were not even grounds for discipline. On numerous occasions, the Respondent cited progressive discipline even though the Petitioner was never guilty of the infractions of which he was acused.

The Petitioner was subject to disciplinary write-ups that he had no idea even existed--let alone had accumulated--until years after his racially motivated discharge from employment.

The Petitioner is prepared to show



clear, concise, examples of disparate treatment, similarly situated caucasion employees that were treated more favorably than he, and clear pretextual reasons for his eventual discharge.

This case involves at least six and one-half years of litigation. An objective approach to the specifics and details contained in the totality of information-available will render a litany of facts that show that the reasons for discharge were pretextual and were racially motivated.

In McDonnell Douglas Corp v. Green,
411 U.S. 792 (1973) the Supreme Court
announced the manner in which
discrimination must be established:
(1) the employee must show a prima facie
case of discrimination, (2) once a prima
facie case has been shown, the burden
shifts to the employer to articulate some
non-discriminatory reason for the action,



and (3) if such a reason legitimately proffered, the employee bears the burden of demonstrating that the employer's reason is a mere pretext.

It is asserted by the Petitioner that a prima facie case was clearly established. The employer failed to prove a "non-discriminatory" reason for the Petitioner's discharge. The Petitioner demonstrated his competence at his employer's business and further demonstrated that similarly-situated employees were treated disparately by the Respondent.

In Bellissimo v. Westinghouse

Electric Corp., 764 F2d 175 (1985)

establishes the standard by which the

Plaintiff must prove that the Defendant

discriminated against him. This is by



way of a "but for" test. The "but for" test does not require a Plaintiff to prove that the discriminatory reason was the determinative factor, but that it was a determinative factor. See also Smithers v. Bailar, 629 f2d 892, 898 (3rd cir. 1980).

Under all of these circumstances,
this Petitioner respectfully prays that
this Honorable Court review these
contentions and conclude that at least
some additional investigation into or a
careful re-evaluation of existing documents
and Court Records be performed so that
the specifics surrounding the Respondent's
unlawful discharge of the Petitioner can
be clearly understood. Careful study of
the details surrounding all of these issues
is imperative so that the "smokescreen"
that the Respondent used will be dissipated.



The District Court Judge improperly applied Title VII evidentiary standards, improperly concluded that the Petitioner did not establish that the Respondent's reasons for discharge were pretextual, improperly concluded that the Respondent discharged the Petitioner solely because of his work record, improperly concluded that there was no evidence of disparate treatment towards the Petitioner, that race was not a determining factor in the Petitioner's discharge, and the Court improperly entered judgement in favor of the Respondents.



CONCLUSION

For all of the reasons above expressed, the Petitioner,

Malcolm T. Riley, III respectfully prays that this Honorable Court grant Certiorari and other such relief as may be necessary and appropriate in the interest of justice.

Respectfully submitted,

Malcolm T. Riley, III, pro se



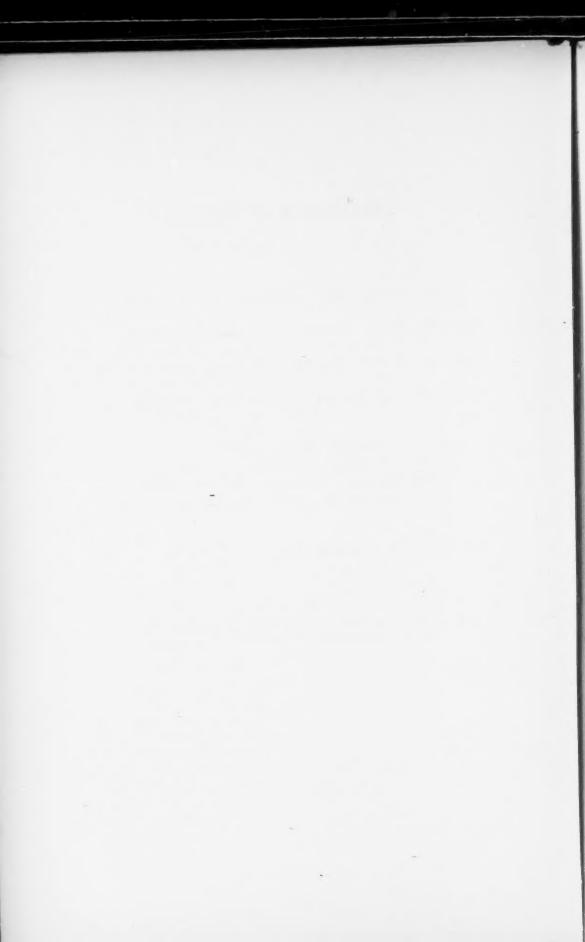
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I, Malcolm T. Riley, III, hereby certify that three true and correct copies of the foregoing Petition for a Writ of Certiorari have been served upon:

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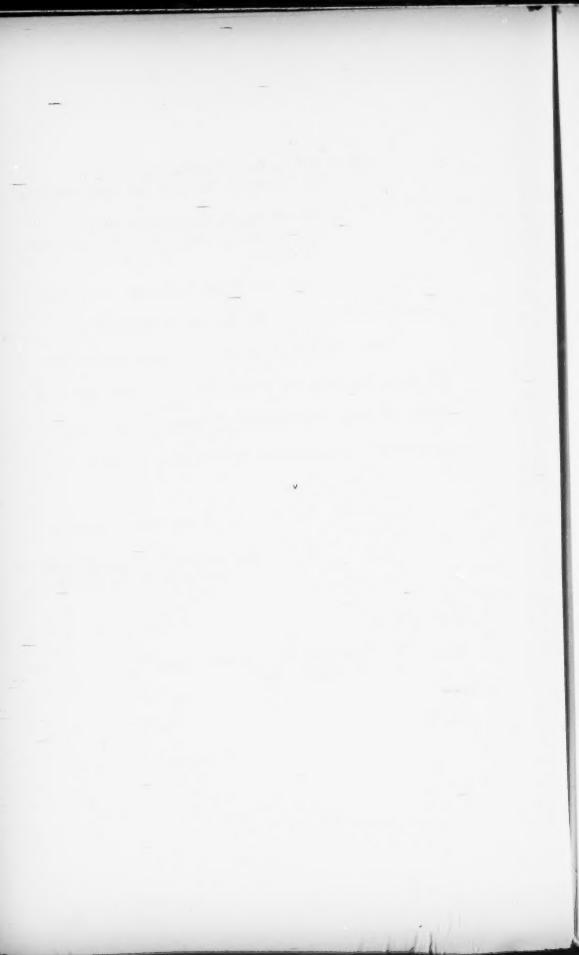
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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT

No. 88-3482

MALCOLM T. RILEY, III
Appellant

VS.

UNITED PARCEL SERVICE

On Appeal From the United States District
Court For the District of Delaware
(D.C. Civil Action No. 83-811)
District Judge: Honorable Joseph J.
Farnan, Jr.

Submitted March 27, 1989

BEFORE: STAPLETON, GREENBERG, AND SCIRICA, Circuit Judges

JUDGEMENT ORDER

After consideration of the contentions raised by appellant, it is



ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the judgment of the district court be and is hereby affirmed.

Costs taxed against appellant.

By the Court,

Walter K. Stapleton Circuit Judge

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Dear Mr. Riley and Counsel:

Enclosed herewith is conformed copy of order entered by the Court today in the above-entitled case.

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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT

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SUR PETITION FOR REHEARING

BEFORE; GIBBONS, Chief Judge, SEITZ, HIGGINBOTHAM, SLOVITER, BECKER, STAPLETON, MANSMANN, GREENBERG, HUTCHINSON, SCIRICA, COWEN, and NYGAARD, Circuit Judges

The petition for rehearing filed by
appellant in the above-entitled case having
been submitted to the judges who
participated in the decision of this
Court and to all the other available
circuit judges of the circuit in regular
active service, and no judge who concurred



in the decision having asked for rehearing, and a majority of the circuit judges of the circuit in regular active service not having voted for rehearing by the court in banc, the petition for rehearing is denied.

By the Court,

Walter K. Stapleton Circuit Judge

Dated: May 3, 1989



IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

MALCOLM T. RILEY, II,

Plaintiff,

Civil Action No. 83-811-JJF

V

UNITED PARCEL SERVICE,

Defendant.

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MEMORANDUM OPINION

June 30, 1988

Wilmington, Delaware'



Joseph J. Farnan, Jr. FARNAN, District Judge

Plaintiff, Malcolm T. Riley, III, brought this action for damages allegedy suffered due to his final discharge from his employment with the defendant, United Parcel Service. Plaintiff contends that he was discharged on the basis of his race. Plaintiff's cause of action arises under 42 U.S.C. Sections 1981 and 2000(e) and the Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. Sections 1331 and 1343.

The Court conducted a three day bench trial in this action and, following the conclusion of trial, reviewed proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law submitted by the parties. This opinion constitutes the Court's Findings of fact and conclusions of law submitted by the parties. Conclusions of Law under Rule 52(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.



FINDINGS OF FACT

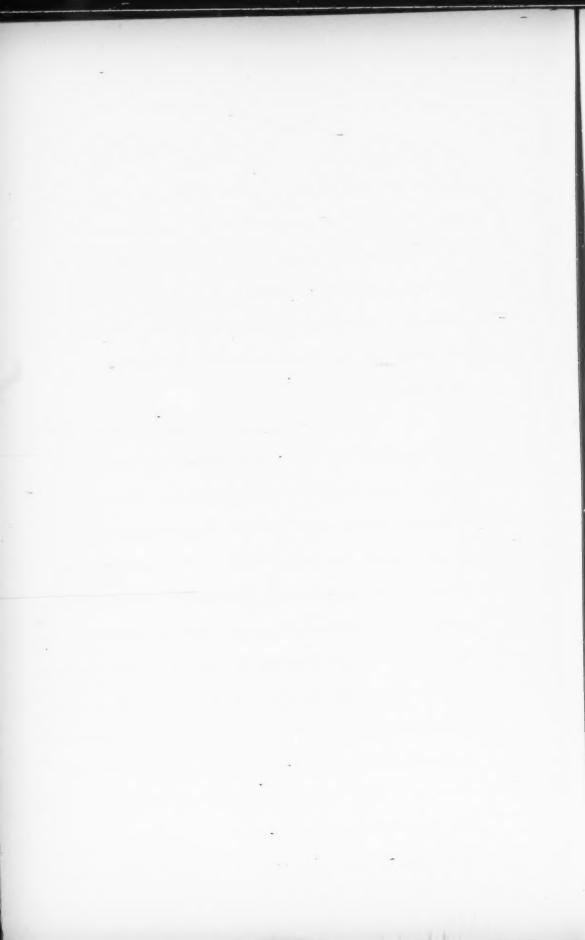
- Plaintiff is a black citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Delaware.
- 2. UPS was and is engaged in the business of transfer and delivery of packages and has been, at all times relevant to this lawsuit, an employer engaged in an industry affecting commerce within the meaning of 42 U.S.C. section 2000e(b)(g) and (h).
- 3. UPS hired Riley on or about
 September 2, 1980, as a parcel unloader
 and sorter during the "pre-Christmas busy
 season." At the end of the pre-Christmas
 busy season in December, 1980, plaintiff
 was laid off and placed in "on-call
 status" from January to April, 1981. As
 an on-call employee, Riley was called by
 UPS when he was needed for work on a
 particular shift. In April, 1981, Riley



attained the status of a regular full-time employee. The plaintiff's employment with UPS was terminated on April 16, 1982.

During his employment with UPS, Riley either worked at the defendant's facilities in Wilmington, Delaware or in Newark,

4. As an employee at UPS, plaintiff was covered by the provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between UPS and Local 326 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. The Collective Bargaining Agreement provided, in relevant part, The employer shall not discharge nor suspend any employee without just cause, but in respect to discharge shall give at least one (1) warning notice of a complaint against such employee to the employee in writing, and a copy of the same to the Union and Job Steward affected. . . . An employee's warning notice would only remain



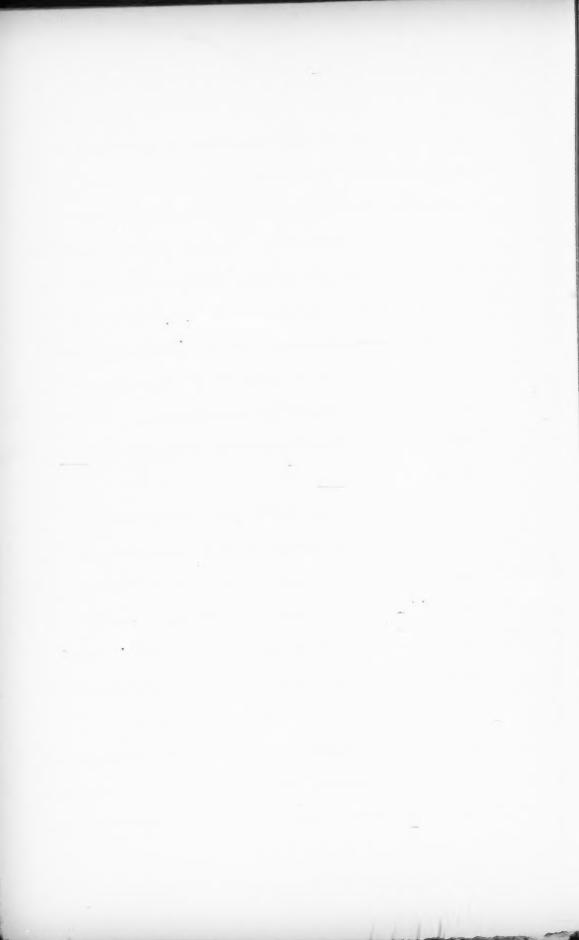
in effect for a period of nine months from the date it was issued. For a limited number of serious offenses, such as proven theft or dishonesty, an employee could be discharged without first receiving a warning notice.

- 5. Riley worked as an unloader for approximately his first two months at UPS. As an unloader, Riley was responsible for unloading packages from a delivery truck and placing the packages on a set of rollers. The package would them "roll" up to the sorter, who was the next person to handle the package. The sorters were required to take the package, read the address, and then place the package in one of a series of bins or belts based on the destination of the package.
- 6. UPS employs a system of "progressive discipline" involving informal and formal disciplinary measures for



workers who violate company work rules or procedures. The possible disciplinary measures for a given infraction include informal verbal counselings, verbal warnings, write-ups placed in an employee's file, center level hearings, Official Warning Letters, Suspensions, Final Warnings, and Discharge. UPS considers an employee's entire work record in determining appropriate discipline for a given infraction.

7. Malcolm Riley was constantly
disciplined by managers and supervisors
during his brief employment with UPS.
Riley received numerous informal verbal
counselings from supervisors concerning
his work methods and level of performance.
On one occasion, Riley's immediate
supervisor, Carol Mack, verbally admonished
him for urinating against a wall at the UPS
facility when a bathroom was located within



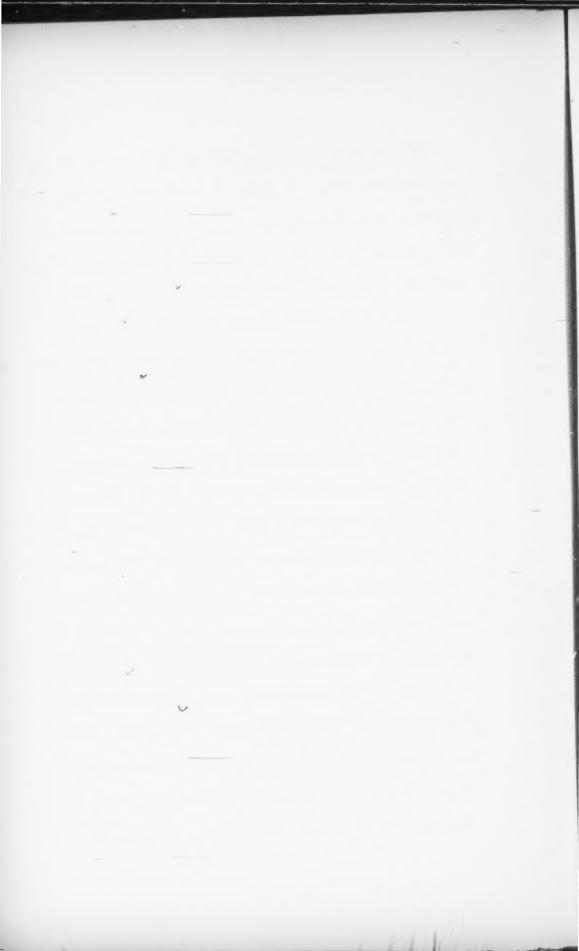
twenty-five feet.

8. During his approximate twenty month employment at UPS, Riley received a total of forty-eight write-ups for violations of UPS rules and procedures from eight separate supervisors. These write-ups included the following infractions: lateness, excessive absenteeism, failing to call in and report an absense in advance of the shift start, slow sorting, improper sorting methods, poor attitude, attempting to intentionally slow down the work rate, improper package handling, smoking in an unauthorized area, unacceptable level of missorts of packages, and intentionally throwing packages. On at least three occasions, Riley was instructed by his supervisor to stand at a 45 degree angle to the sort belt and sort the packages to his right. Defendant's exhibit 6, 13, and UPS had determined that this was the



safest means to sort packages. On each occcasion, the plaintiff returned to his work station and, in complete disregard of his supervisor's instructions, began sorting packages to his left side.

- 9. Plaintiff received an Official
 Warning Letter for unacceptable attendance
 and for failure to follow instructions on
 February 5, 1981. Riley later received
 two additional Official Warning Letters
 for unacceptable attendance dated March 9,
 1981, and July 17, 1981. Each warning
 letter informed Riley that further violation
 of UPS work rules would subject him "to
 further displinary action, up to and
 including discharge."
- 10. The plaintiff was suspended on August 8, 1981 and October 13, 1981, for unacceptable attendance. On February 25, 1982, Riley was suspended for throwing a package at a truck unloader. Riley was



also issued a Final Warning Letter on this date which informed him that any failure to follow company methods and procedures, or failure to follow a supervisor's instructions in the future, would result in his discharge.

- 11. On April 6, 1982, plaintiff reported to work late. On April 9, 1982, plaintiff was scheduled to start work at 4:30 a.m. but called in sick at 5:05 a.m. On April 13, 1982, Riley was again scheduled to work the 4:30 a.m. shift and called in sick at 4:25 a.m. UPS had instructed its employees to call in at least one half hour before the start of their shift if they would be unable to report to work. On April 7 and april 8, 1982, Riley missorted an unacceptable number of packages because he eas not reading the entire address lavel as he had been instructed by his supervisors.
 - 12. On April 14, 1932, UPS reviewed



Riley's complete work record and based on this review, UPS discharged him because of his "continual failure to follow instructions, company methods and procedures, and overall work record."

- discretion by management in deciding whether to formally or informally discipline an employee. There is no evidence that supervisors abused their discretion in disciplining employees or that black employees were discciplined more harshly than white employees.
- 14. Plaintiff introduced evidence concerning the work records of three white employees in an effort to show disparate treatment. Those employees were Keith Krug, Charles Parks, and Mark Caine and all were unloaders at UPS. Caine also worked for a brief period as a sorter.
 - 15. Neither Keith Krug nor Charles



Parks testified at trial and there was no testimony concerning their length of employment at UPS, their work performance, or their disciplinary record. However, plaintiff did introduce documents from the personnel files of Krug and Parks. These documents reveal that on March 30, 1982, Krug submitted a false timecard at the end of his shift. Parks had punched Krug's timecard at 4:45 p.m. even though Krug did not arrive at work until 5:30 p.m. Both Parks and Krug were discharged for this act on April 15, 1982. Both men appealed their discharge to the Metro Philadelphia Area Panel Grievance Committee, which is composed of an equal number of union and management representatives. The Grievance Committee reduced the discharges to suspensions, and both men returned to work on May 24, 1982. Parks was later given the opportunity to



work as a regular part-time package driver for UPS in April, 1983. Krug applied for a position as a driver in August, 1983, but the Court cannot find evidence in the record that he was ever promoted to that position.

16. Mark Caine began working at UPS in March, 1980, and resigned in June, 1984. Like the plaintiff, Caine was a disciplinary problem for UPS. During his sixty-one months with UPS, Caine received thirty-five write-ups and five Official Warning Letters. Most of this disciplinary action concerned Caine's poor attendance and failure to properly call and report to his supervisor when he would be unable to report to work. During the time period when Riley and Caine were both employed, Riley committed forty-eight infractions of UPS work rules while Caine committed twenty-two infractions. Caine was never discharged and left UPS voluntarily. (See Kestink)



CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. In this suit under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the plaintiff must prove by a preponderance of the evidence that his race was a "but for" cause for his termination. Lewis v. University of Pittsburgh, 725_F.2d 910, 915 (3d Cir.1983), cert. denied. 469 U.S. 892 (1984). In order to establish a prima facie case, the plaintiff must show that he was a member of a protected class, that he was discharged from a position for which he was qualified, and other employees not in the protected class were treated more faborably. Pollock v. A T & T, 794 F.2d 860, 864-65 (3d Cir. 1986); Pizzuto v. Perdue, Inc., 623 F.Supp. 1167, 1171 (D.Del. 1985). If the plaintiff establishes a prima facie case, the defendant must rebut the inference of discrimation by producing



for a legitimate, non-discriminatory reason. Worthy v. United States Steel Corp., 616 F.2d 698, 701 (3d Cir. 1980). Once the defendant has articulated a legitimate, non-discriminatory reason for its action, the plaintiff must prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the defendant's reason is merely pretextual and that the defendant "intentionally discriminated against the plaintiff."

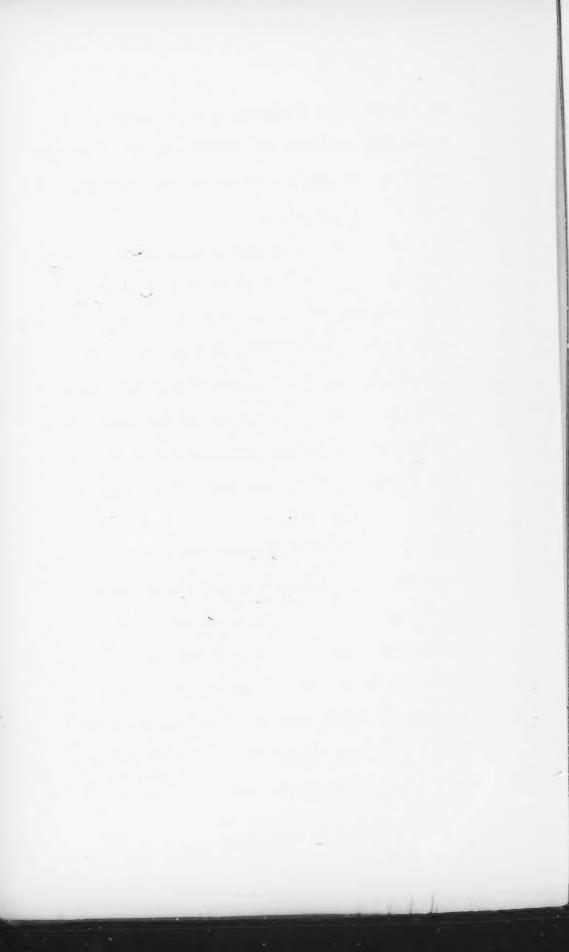
Belissimo v. Westinghouse Electric Corp., 764 F.2d 175, 180 (3d Cir. 1985).

2. The court concludes that Riley has established a prima facie case of racial discrimination. Riley is a black citizen who was discharged from his sorting position at UPS, a position for which he was at least minimally qualified, while it appears one white employee, Mark Caine, was not discharged from his position although



it appears he committed disciplinary offenses similar to plaintiff's, although Caine's offenses appear to be less in number and severity.

- 3. The Court concludes that defendant has articulated a legitimate non-discriminatory reason for the plaintiff's discharge, which is that plaintiff was discharged for good cause because of his poor work record and his long history of disciplinary violations which occurred during his employment at UPS.
- 4. As for the work records of Krug
 and Parks, the Court cannot conclude,
 based on the evidence presented, that
 these employees were treated more favorably
 than Riley by UPS. The Court has no
 evidence regarding the length of their
 employment or their work record prior to
 the single incident that was discussed at



trial, and there was no evidence or testimony concerning the rationale adopted by the Metro Philadelphia Area Panel Grievance Committee when it reduced UPS's discharge of Krug and Parks to a suspension. Therefore, the Court concludes on the record before it that the work records of Krug and Parks were not comparable to the plaintiff's work record.

5. Finally, the Court concludes that the plaintiff has not established that the defendant's articulated reason for the discharge was pretextual. The evidence presented at trial clearly demonstrated that UPS discharged Riley solely on the basis of his abysmal work record and that the plaintiff's race was never a cause or factor in the defendant's decision to terminate Riley. 1 The Court concludes that the evidence at trial clearly demonstrated that it was Riley's conduct



and not his race that led to his many warnings and eventual discharge.

1/. Because the Court has concluded that
the plaintiff has established a prima facie
case, the Court will deny the defendant's
motion for involuntary dismissal raised at
trial. The Court will sustain plaintiff's
objection to defendant's introduction at
trial of twelve arbitration decisions
involving interpretation of the UPS
Collective Bargaining Agreement. The Court
sustains plaintiff's objection on relevancy
grounds.

An Order consistent with this Memorandum Opinion will be entered.



IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

MALCOLM T. RILEY, II,

Plaintiff.

: Civil Action No. 83-811-JJF

V.

UNITED PARCEL SERVICE, :

Defendant: :

ORDER

At Wilmington this 30th day of June, 1988, for the reasons set forth in the Memorandum Opinion issued this date,

IT IS ORDERED THAT Judgment is entered for the defendant United Parcel Service.

Joseph J. Farnan. Jr. United States District Judge